



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for March 24, 2019

*That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.*



## **Welcome visitors!**

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Sign-up Slip in your bulletin. Epiphany's nurseries for infants and toddlers are staffed with adult childcare professionals. Children up to kindergarten age are welcome in the nurseries, located just outside the worship center. Of course, children of all ages are invited to worship. **Please have a cup of coffee with us in our Holy Beans Café** in the lobby. Check out our website, [epiphany-suwanee.org](http://epiphany-suwanee.org), for more information about Epiphany. And don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service, 770-831-1966. Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL!**

***Our Confirmands in Action (CIA) group spent last weekend at a retreat at Lutheridge.*** One of the traditions of this spring retreat is the Affirmation of the 8th graders who will be confirmed this year. Each person in the group takes a turn telling them something positive and affirming about them. The Confirmation service will be on May 5.

## ***Epiphany Today***

***Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Our congregational meeting is today at 9:30 am during Formation time. Kids and middle school youth are downstairs for regular classes.***

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

**K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — Spark!**

**Middle School** - downstairs in CIA Room

**High School** - in the Sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting

**Adults** - in the Sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting

**-Handbells practice today at 12:15 pm**

***Parenting Event & Discussion*** Our next parenting event is **TONIGHT at 7 pm**. This time we will be discussing Parenting Out of Fear, sometimes also referred to as "helicopter parenting". How can we rely on our faith while parenting instead of letting fear take over? Childcare will be provided, along with desserts and beverages for the parents.

***Congregational Meeting Today*** We will have a congregational meeting in between services at 9:30 am to present and discuss changes to consolidate our Mission Teams and review 2018. The changes to the team structure will require a congregational vote, which we will have during the meeting. We are proposing to streamline the teams down from five teams (Reach, Outreach, Congregational Life, Worship, Formation) to Connect, Grow and Serve teams. Please make plans to attend as we will need a quorum for the vote and we want to you to be informed about all the great things going on at Epiphany!

***New Member Class Today*** Immediately after the 11 am service, we will hold a New Members Class downstairs. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a part of Epiphany, we invite you to join us!

***Welcome to the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF) Board*** HTF Board members are arriving in Suwanee later today and will hold their meetings at Epiphany through Tuesday afternoon.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday** - April 14 - 8:30 am & 11 am

**Maundy Thursday** - April 18: 12 pm - Readings & Hymns  
- 7:30 pm - Foot Washing & Holy Communion

**Good Friday** - April 19: 12 pm - Readings & Hymns  
- 7:30 pm - Traditional Good Friday Service

Fish Fry Dinner - 5:30 pm (benefitting Youth Servant Haiti Trip)

**Easter Sunday** - April 21:

-Sunrise Service at Suwanee Town Center - 7 am  
-Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 am - 10:30 am  
-Easter Services at Epiphany - 8:30 am & 11 am

**Have you been to Pub Theology yet?** If not, you are missing out on some very enlightening conversations! Our next one is **Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm**. Pizza is provided; you bring your favorite beverage and come get to know some other Epiphany people. Kris Perkola will lead our discussion on the 7 Deadly Sins. *Please come join us if you haven't made it to one yet!* Sign up on the Blue slip if you can come.

**Just So Seniors - April** Our seniors group will meet at the church April 11 at 10 am for a morning of connecting, growth, and service. They'll start off with biscuits (\$5) and centering followed by a choice of onsite service projects including Easter egg stuffing, gardening, and prayer at the labyrinth. Sign up on the blue slip.

**Time to Order Easter Flowers** Help adorn our altar area with flowers for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$20 and you can take a plant home with you after the 11 am service on Easter. Please order on the PINK slip and place in offering plate.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday, April 20**, 10 am - 12:30 pm. We will have story time, crafts, games, a photo booth, a bounce house, lunch and the Easter Bunny. We need candy donations for the egg hunt; please place donations in the bin in the Narthex. We need volunteers during the event and for set-up and clean-up. We also need people to bring desserts. Please sign-up on the blue slip if you can help.

**April Book Club Selections** The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *Educated* by Tara Westover for April. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, April 22** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright.

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and **Facebook** at *facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneega*

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**Epiphany's Official Affirmation of Welcome:** Our unity is in Christ. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of any human divisions: race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental conditions, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or **anything** that often divides us.



## Epiphany This Week

### **Monday, March 25**

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 26**

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club

### **Wednesday, March 27**

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:30 PM Children's Choir  
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 28**

10:00 AM Weekly Bible Study

### **Friday, March 29**

6:30 AM Breakfast Bible study, (IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd)

### **Sunday, March 31**

8:30 AM **Worship Service**  
-NO FORMATION TIME TODAY-  
11:00 AM **Worship Service**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.**  
Contact *laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org* to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at *communications@epiphanysuwanee.org*.

**Love Event** Come and learn more about our LGBTQIA+ family on **April 28 at 3:30 pm**. The Love Event is a learning experience about sexual orientation, gender identity, LGBTQIA+ rights, and how it all fits into the Kingdom of God. Designed for all ages, we will feature information, activities, and a faith based message for each letter in the LGBTQIA+ acronym. Become a stronger ally!

**Wednesdays at the Well** - Our midweek gathering provides a "cup of living water" in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm** for Pizza, garlic bread and salad. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Children's choir is at 6:25 pm & Worship is at 7 pm**. Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm. **\*We will not have Wednesday Dinner or Worship on April 3 (Spring Break week) and April 17 (Holy Week).\***

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## Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:  
Monday.....Chuck & Evelyn Kretzmann  
Tuesday.....Stewart, Deborah, Mikaela & Sean LaFave  
Wednesday.....Chris & Melanie Landry  
Thursday.....Paul & Landa Larson  
Friday.....Greg & Cathy Laszewski  
Saturday .....Brad & Dottie Leamon

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*Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!*

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